

**MINUTES OF THE HIGHER EDUCATION AND APPLIED TECHNOLOGY
GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE**

Friday, August 8, 2008 – 1:00 p.m. – Room C450 State Capitol

Members Present:

Sen. Curtis S. Bramble, Senate Chair
Rep. Kevin S. Garn, House Chair
Sen. Margaret Dayton
Sen. Lyle W. Hillyard
Sen. Karen Mayne
Rep. Ron Bigelow
Rep. Lorie D. Fowlke
Rep. James R. Gowans

Rep. Brad King

Rep. Gordon E. Snow

Members Absent:

Rep. Kory M. Holdaway

Staff Present:

Ms. Allison M. Nicholson, Policy Analyst
Mr. Dee S Larsen, Associate General Counsel
Ms. Amanda Majers, Legislative Secretary

Note: A list of others present, a copy of related materials, and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at www.le.utah.gov.

1. Committee Business

Chair Bramble called the meeting to order at 1:23 p.m. Rep. Holdaway was excused from the meeting.

2. Working Draft: Career and Technical Education Amendments

Senator Dayton and Representative Bigelow, Co-chairs, Committee Working Group, gave a report from the working group that was created to review potential legislative options regarding the delivery of career and technical education in the state. Representatives from the Utah System of Higher Education, Public Education, and the Utah College of Applied Technology (UCAT) met with the working group. They explained that the draft legislation does not have unanimous consent from the working group.

Mr. Larsen discussed 2009 General Session draft legislation, "Career and Technical Education Amendments," which was distributed to the Committee prior to the meeting. He also distributed and discussed "Career and Technical Education Amendments: Working Group Areas of Concern," which outlined topics discussed in the working groups that were unresolved. Mr. Larsen also distributed and discussed a handout, "Draft Legislation - Career and Technical Education Amendments - Utah Institute of Technology Version," which detailed policy changes in the bill.

Committee discussion followed.

MOTION: Rep. Snow moved to reinstate language requiring an elected local school board member be appointed to serve on the local UCAT campus Boards of Directors (language appearing throughout lines 732 - 840).

Mr. Rick White, President, UCAT, spoke in favor of having elected local school board members serve on the boards.

The motion passed with Rep. Bigelow voting in opposition.

MOTION: Sen. Dayton moved to reinstate and modify language on line 466 to read "one member of the State Board of Regents appointed by the chair of the Board of Regents" and to strike the word "one" and insert the word "two" on line 480.

Ross Ford, Associate Director, Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing, responded to a question regarding apprenticeship programs in the state.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: Rep. Bigelow moved, in addition to the original motion, on line 195 to delete "18" and insert "19", and insert language whereby a member of the Utah Institute of Technology (UIT) Board of Trustees is appointed to the Board of Regents by the Chair of the UIT Board of Trustees.

Sen. Hillyard called for division on the motion.

Chair Bramble placed the portion of the motion regarding the UIT Board of Trustees member being appointed to the Board of Regents. The motion passed with Sen. Hillyard, Rep. Garn, and Rep. King voting in opposition.

Chair Bramble placed the portion of the motion that was Sen. Dayton's original motion. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Rep. Snow moved to remove Section 53B-16-204 (lines 1251-1264), Salt Lake Skills Center -- Role and mission -- Supervision and administration, from the working draft.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: Rep. Bigelow moved to adopt, in concept, the working draft with the amendments previously passed. The motion failed with Sen. Bramble, Sen. Dayton, Rep. Bigelow, and Rep. Garn voting in favor.

The original motion passed with Sen. Bramble, Sen. Dayton, Rep. Bigelow, and Rep. Garn voting in opposition.

MOTION: Sen. Dayton moved to establish a working group comprised of the Committee members who voted in favor of removing Section 53B-16-204 from the working draft, and that the working group return to the Committee before the next meeting with a proposal regarding the Salt Lake Skills Center and the Salt Lake/Tooele Applied Technology College.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: Rep. Garn moved to adopt the working draft as brought forth by the working group, and to direct staff to prepare three additional amendments to the draft to reflect three additional policy options as mentioned in "A Study of the Organization and Delivery of Career and Technical Education in the Salt Lake - Tooele Region" from November 2007. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Rep. Garn moved to request that the Legislative Management Committee authorize up to three additional meetings, as needed, for the Committee to continue its work. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Bigelow and Sen. Hillyard absent for the vote.

Mr. Jason Perry, Director, Governor's Office of Economic Development, discussed a letter from Governor Huntsman that was distributed to the Committee prior to the meeting.

Ms. Christine Kearn, Education Director for Governor Huntsman, also spoke to the letter from Governor Huntsman.

Mr. Dave Buhler, Interim Commissioner, Utah System of Higher Education, spoke in support of the concepts in Gov. Huntsman's letter. He also spoke against transferring the Salt Lake Skills Center from the Salt Lake Community College to the Salt Lake-Tooele Applied Technology College.

Ms. Glo Merrell, Career and Technical Education Director, Murray City School District, spoke about the importance of career and technical education to high school students and also spoke to duplication of services in Salt Lake County.

Mr. Don Ipson, Chair, UCAT Board of Trustees, spoke in favor of pathways for students and articulation for secondary and post-secondary students. Mr. Ipson also spoke in support of the working draft legislation.

3. Other Items / Adjourn

The next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, September 9, 2008 at 9:00 a.m.

MOTION: Sen. Mayne moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed with Sen. Hillyard absent for the vote.

Chair Bramble adjourned the meeting at 4:32 p.m.